(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) The Government has identified thirteen major cities for establishment of AIDS Units for the management of AIDS patients. Funds for purchase of essential equipment have been released to the States/UT Governments and training of medical and para-medical staff in management of AIDS patients has also been completed. In Delhi an AIDS Unit has been established at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

AIIMS Not Equipped to handle AIDS Cases

38. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Institute of Medical Sciences is at present not properly equipped to handle AIDS and HIV infected patients with safety;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the shortcomings in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure proper and safe treatment of AIDS and HIV patients in AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No Sir, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences is fully equipped to handle HIV infected persons and AIDS patients.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Cracks in the Roofs of Jagannath Temple at Puri

39. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cracks have recently appeared in the roof and other parts of Jagannath Temple at Puri;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some cracks had appeared last year also in the said temple;

(d) whether there is any similarity betwen these two types of cracks; and

(e) what action is being taken or is proposed to be taken by Government to obviate recurrence of such defects?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No fresh cracks have appeared recently in the Jagannath Temple at Puri. However while inspecting the interior of the sikhara over the garbhagriha, during the RATH YATRA in July 1991, the experts of the Archaeological Survey of India noticed two small old cracks only on the inner face of walls forming the sikhara on the garbhagriha.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The steps taken for the proper conservation of the Jagannath Temple Puri are:

(i) Removal of accretionary plaster from the surface of the main temple for exposing the sculptured surface as well as cracks, if any.

(ii) Replacement of the cracked/ damaged stone member with new ones and consolidation of the structure.

(iii) Replacement of corroded iron clamps/dowels with non corrosive ones.

(iv) Grouting of cracks/fissures on the structure with epoxy resin.

(v) Chemical treatment and preservation of the exposed surface.

Ban on Cigarette and Chewing Tobacco Advertisements

40. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to ban all advertisements of cigarettes and chewing tobacco with statutory warnings; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) A proposal to ban/regulate advertisement of cigarettes is under consideration of the Government.

Allotment of Gold to Gold Jewellery Exporters

41. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Banks are not allotting gold to gold jewellery exporters after gold has been sent abroad by the Reserve Bank of India; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and its effects on the export of gold jewellery and what steps are being taken by Government to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) There was temporary suspension of supply of gold by India Government Mint, Bombay to the State Bank of India for about 4 weeks during July-August, 1991, for some administrative reasons. The impact of temporary suspension of supply of gold on exports of gold jewellery will be known a little later. Supply of gold has since been resumed with effect from 19th August, 1991.

Transfer of Teachers of Kendriya Vidalayas

42. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outgoing Chairman of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan had put an administrative ban on transfer of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that before releasing these held up transfers, the present chairman has ordered transfer of some teachers in mid-July, 1991;

(d) if so, the names of such teachers alongwith the clauses of transfer guidelines under which they are covered;

(e) whether these transfers were recommended by the Committee constituted for the purpose on the 6th March, 1991; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the provision of transfer guidelines under which the Chairman is competent to order such transfers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (f) The information is being collected from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.